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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 8, 2004, please amend the patent application identified above as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

SEP O B MON Docket No. AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER 6245.006.00 Application No. Filing Date Examiner Art Unit August 24, 2001 Debbie M. Le 09/938,879 2177 Applicant(s): David J. Perro et al. METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR RETRIEVING INFORMATION USING NATURAL Invention: LANGUAGE QUERIES TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** Claims Highest Remaining Number Number After Previously **Extra Claims** Amendment Paid Present Rate **Total Claims** 20 4 Х Independent 2 3 Х Claims Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Other fee (please specify): Extension of Time (three months) 475.00 TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: 475.00 Large Entity X Small Entity No additional fee is required for this amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. X A check in the amount of \$ 475.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. 50-0911 The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. x Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17. Dated: September 8, 2004 George G. Ballas Attorney Reg. No.: 52,587 MCKENNA LONG & ALDRIDGE LLP 1900 K Street, N.W.

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